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SUBJECT:DONOR COORDINATION IN HAITI: OAS JOINT COMMISSION
MEETING

REF.: (A) STATE 121033, (B) PORT AU PRINCE 1838,
(C) PORT AU PRINCE 1814, (D) STATE 58497

1. FORTHCOMING OAS JOINT COMMISSION MEETING TO BE HELD IN
WASHINGTON JUNE 27-29 WILL HAVE SPECIAL IMPORTANCE AS A KEY
PART OF OUR EFFORT, PROPOSED BY EMBASSY IN RECENT MESSAGES,
TO PROMOTE MORE EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT EFFORT BY GOH AND
MORE EFFECTIVE DONOR COORDINATION IN HAITI. STATE AND AID
WISH MEETING TO BE AS PRODUCTIVE AND AS MEANINGFUL AS
POSSIBLE.

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2. TO BEST PURSUE ISSUES OF DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES AND
DONOR COORDINATION PROPOSED BY EMBASSY, STATE AND AID/W
BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE COUNTRY TEAM TO
PREPARE BASIC POSITION PAPERS AND OTHER MATERIALS NEEDED
FOR JOINT COMMISSION MEETING. EMBASSY AND USAID ARE RE-
QUESTED JOINTLY TO PREPARE (A) DRAFT POSITION PAPERS; (B)
PREPARED REMARKS TO BE DELIVERED BY U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO

JOINT COMMISSION MEETING; (C) OUTLINE OF PROBABLE GOH POSITIONS; AND (D) SUGGESTED U.S. RESPONSES TO GOH POSITIONS

OR OTHER ISSUES THAT MAY BE RAISED BY OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN MEETINGS. DRAFT POSITION PAPERS SHOULD INCLUDE STATEMENT OF THE ISSUES WHICH SHOULD BE RESOLVED AT THE END OF THE MEETINGS, I.E., A CLEAR STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES.

3. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ISSUES, SUCH AS ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY, BE ADDRESSED IN SPECIFIC, CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF MEETING COULD RESULT IN A SPECIFIC PLAN FOR THE GOH WITH DONOR ASSISTANCE TO ASSESS INSTITUTIONAL CONSTRAINTS AND MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS IN KEY DEVELOPMENT SECTORS. OBJECTIVE WOULD BE TO ASSURE COORDINATED APPROACH FOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS TO BE IMPLEMENTED DURING PERIOD OF FIVE YEAR PLAN, AS PROPOSED BY MISSION IN EARLIER MESSAGES.

4. U.S. POSITIONS SHOULD BE KEYED TO THE FIVE AGENDA ITEMS PROPOSED BY THE EMBASSY AND ENDORSED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND AID/W (REF C), TO CONSENSUS OF MAJOR DONORS' MEETING IN WASHINGTON MAY 23 (REF A), AND TO GUIDANCE IN THIS MESSAGE. ALTHOUGH OUR CONCERNS DO NOT APPEAR ON THE DRAFT AGENDA IN PRECISELY THE FORM WE WOULD WISH, THERE APPEARS SUFFICIENT ROOM IN THE AGENDA FOR MEANINGFUL STATEMENTS AND DISCUSSION ON THESE POINTS.

5. REQUEST DRAFT MATERIALS FOR JOINT COMMISSION MEETING BE POUCHED TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON NO LATER THAN JUNE 17.
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6. DEPARTMENT AND AID/W WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RESULTS OF APPROACHES TO FRENCH, CANADIANS, AND GERMANS REQUESTED REF C, AND COMMENT ON ANY INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN THE HAITIAN FIVE-YEAR PLAN AND U.S. ASSISTANCE PRIORITIES IN HAITI.

7. ARA WILL AUTHORIZE TRAVEL FOR ONE MEMBER OF EMBASSY STAFF TO WASHINGTON TO PARTICIPATE IN JOINT COMMISSION MEETING. AID/W REQUESTS PARTICIPATION BY A SENIOR MEMBER OF THE AID MISSION.

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